

The Texas Private Investigator Program

For new and experienced investigators

Classes begin February 7

About the Program:

The TPI program consists of 224 hours of face-to-face instruction in investigations that meet State of Texas requirements under Section 1702.114 of the Private Security Act. Those who successfully complete the program will be eligible to sit for the Manager's Examination, Class A License, Private Investigations Company, in the State of Texas.

The program encompasses all aspects of investigations and is applicable for all private and public (law enforcement) investigators regardless of their current level of knowledge, skills or abilities. Prior investigations experience or training is not required. Graduates of the program will not be required to establish proof of three consecutive years of full-time investigations experience, normally required for the Manager's License.

Course Details:

This is a hands-on program that will immerse the student in the role of an investigator. Students will explore all facets of civil and criminal investigations and techniques.

Major modules of instruction:

- Professional Standards and Ethics
- Texas Private Security Bureau Rules and Regulations
- U.S. and Texas Constitutional Law
- Texas Law and Procedure
- Investigations (Criminal and Civil)
- Interpersonal Communications
- Surveillance Techniques

Examples of subjects covered:

- Physical and electronic surveillance
- Background investigations
- Collision reconstruction
- Photography and video skills
- Computer and internet security
- Voice stress analysis and polygraph
- Interviewing and interrogation
- Surveillance driving skills

Classes are scheduled in four-hour blocks of instruction, from 6 PM to 10 PM, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays (56 class periods).

Class location: SIG Training Room, 1790 Lee Trevino, Suite 404 (corner of Lee Trevino and Trawood). One or two Saturday classes will be scheduled for practical training exercises.

Instructor Backgrounds:

The instructors include practicing attorneys and public defenders, college professors, law enforcement professionals, private investigators and security professionals. Every instructor/presenter in this program is a qualified expert in their field.

How to Register:

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, with no Class A misdemeanor or a felony convictions, Certain Class B misdemeanor convictions may exclude the applicant from enrollment if they are less than five years old. Applicants must submit to a background screening prior to acceptance to determine eligibility.

Apply through Professional and Public Programs (P3) at UTEP. www.ppp.utep.edu
Applications will be forwarded to Southwest Investigations Group for review and processing.